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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 79th Ordnance Battalion (EOD) Mobile Phone Policy

1. 79th Ordnance Battalion (EOD) has spent an enormous amount of money and time working with cell phones in the past. This memorandum will detail the new mobile phone procurement and usage policy, and is effective immediately.

2. In order to lessen the burden of the companies during FY00, we are consolidating phone contracts here at Battalion as much as possible.

3. No matter how many phones your unit currently has, it will reduce down to two.

a. HHD, 797th, 705th, and 741st will receive their phones issued from the Battalion PBO with phone numbers local to your unit area.

b. 761st, 763d, 774th and 788th will maintain their current contracting source, but reduce down to two phones.

c. 752d and 47th receive their services for free, and therefore will maintain their current contracts unchanged. This is an exception to the two phone limitation.

4. The phones issued through battalion are contracted through Sprint PCS and the billing is direct to the 79th Ordnance Battalion.

a. The contract is for each phone to have 500 airtime minutes, and includes AC adapter, home charger, and carrying case.

b. The Battalion PBO will issue the phones with accessories to the unit as accountable items.

c. Phones have the capability for three-way calling and performing as a pager.

d. The other options that the phone is capable of will not be utilized; including voice mail, call forwarding, and call waiting. If these options are not already turned off, the unit will follow the instruction booklet included with each phone and have these optional services turned off.

e. Sprint PCS phones have free long distance and no roaming charges while utilizing digital service anywhere in the country. If roaming in a non-digital area there is a roaming charge plus long distance.

5. The current manner of utilizing mobile phones for the responding team and the duty phone will remain in effect.

6. New phone numbers will take effect 1 OCT 99.

a. Phone numbers that will no longer be utilized must be deactivated 2400 hrs 30 SEP 99.

b. You are authorized to use your phones upon receipt from battalion, once you have confirmed any changes in phone numbers with the Battalion S3.

c. If your phones are not coming through battalion, report any changes in phone numbers to the Battalion S2 NLT 20 SEP.

7. Maintain current phones and accessories until 1 OCT 99. After 1 OCT 99 turn in phones and accessories in accordance with 79th Ordnance Battalion (EOD) PBO, who will publish turn in guidance.

8. Address questions about this policy to the Battalion S4 at DSN 421-8876. He will answer your questions.

9. Efficient and Effective!

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